

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

In the specification at page 1, delete all text above line 10 thereof, and please insert the following new paragraphs and Section Headings in place thereof:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Polymeric Cascade Prodrug Having a Self-Immolative Linker
and Corresponding Linker Reagents

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a national stage application, under 35 U.S.C. §371, of PCT/EP2005/003061 filed March 22, 2005, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 to European Patent Application No. 04075892.2, filed on March 23, 2004, British Patent Application No. 0415043.9, filed on July 5, 2004, and European Patent Application No. 04019293.2, filed on August 13, 2004.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 14, at line 1 thereof, please delete the heading “Detailed description of the invention” and insert the following new section heading and paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to polymeric prodrugs having temporary linkages to amino groups of biologically active entities such as peptides, proteins, natural products or synthetic chemical compounds.--

At page 18, at line 7 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 51, between the word "CLAIMS" and claim 1, please add the following new paragraph:

--What is claimed is:--.

On a separate, new page 110, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cascade carrier linked prodrug is described which comprises a biologically active moiety and a masking group having at least one nucleophile and being distinct from the carrier.--